

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kayhan Kucukcaker et al.  
Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.  
Title: System And Method For Providing Distributed  
Static Timing Analysis With Merged Results  
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

This response addresses the rejection of Claims 1, 3-9, 12-19, 25, 27-30, 32-43, 45, 47-53, 55-62, 64-70, 72-78, and 83-96. Claims 1, 3-9, 12-18, 25, 27-30, 32, 34-43, 45, 47-53, and 55-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3-9, 12-19, 25, 27-30, 32-43, 45, 47-53, 55-62, 64-70, and 72-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by US Publication 2004/0044976 (Schultz) and an article entitled, "Focus Report: Timing Analysis" (Schulz). Claims 83-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Schultz, Schulz, and an article by Ernst entitled "Razor: A Low-Power Pipeline Based on Circuit-Level Timing Speculation" (Ernst).

No claims are amended herein.